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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1,178 crashes as compared to 1,333 crashes in April 2007. The total crashes decreased by 11.6% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway and extensive public education efforts. When compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities also decreased by 14%, this equates to 1 less fatal crashes in April 2008. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 16 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last April. Of the 47 commercial crashes investigated this month, 5 resulted in injuries, 0 fatalities and the remaining 42 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.6% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.6% off all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,377 crash reports in April. This resulted in 6,632 crash reports being mailed out, 3.9% less than last April. There were 999 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was a slight increase of 0.2% when compared to April 2007.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 25,281 CAD incidents and 30,269 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in the overall traffic enforcement of 4.1% in April 2008, as compared to April 2007. DUI arrests from crashes continue to decrease by 20.6% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes increased by 9.6% as compared to last year. Other arrests were also up 25.9%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 13.5% and it's other citations by 3.4% as compared to last April. The number of Safety Inspections increased by 14.1% compared to last year. This resulted in 86 vehicles and 48 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	April 08		April 07	% Change		March 08	% Change
Total crashes	1178		1333	-11.6%		1205	-2.2%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	886		991	-10.6%		891	-0.6%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	286		335	-14.6%		310	-7.7%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6		7	-14.3%		4	50.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	54		68	-20.6%		55	-1.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6		7	-14.3%		5	20.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		2	0.0%		2	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		2	0.0%		0	200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0		2	-200.0%		2	-200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	47		56	-16.1%		49	-4.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	42		44	-4.5%		46	-8.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5		12	-58.3%		2	150.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .5 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.6%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.0%
- ✱ Total crashes down 11.6 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 16.1% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 14.3 % as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	April 08		April 07	% Change		March 08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	54		68	-20.6%		55	-1.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	160		146	9.6%		161	-0.6%
Other arrests	1206		853	41.4%		1626	-25.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	443		352	25.9%		397	11.6%
Speed violations	4303		3758	14.5%		4019	7.1%
Hazardous moving violations	2421		2507	-3.4%		2192	10.4%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	777		657	18.3%		651	19.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	12333		11436	7.8%		11843	4.1%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	84		74	13.5%		68	23.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	212		205	3.4%		229	-7.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	771		676	14.1%		597	29.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	13		4	225.0%		5	160.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	292		294	-0.7%		262	11.5%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1387		1510	-8.1%		1184	17.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	86		125	-31.2%		82	4.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	48		43	11.6%		37	29.7%
Total school buses inspected	152		208	-26.9%		361	-57.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	6		34	-82.4%		62	-90.3%
Total trucks weighed	1421		1342	5.9%		1328	7.0%
Total overweight citations	40		30	33.3%		18	122.2%
Total dyed fuel inspections	790		680	16.2%		586	34.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	6		21		14
Safety Violations Citation			13		
Safety Violations Repair Order			20		17
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1		3		
Dyed Fuel Inspections			12		
Dyed Fuel Citations					

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.16%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ .5% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 2% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	April 2008		April 2007	% Change		March 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	343,952		329,769	4.3%		317,965	8.2%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,642,833		1,249,695	31.5%		1,377,364	19.3%
CAD Incidents	25281		26,104	31.5%		23,607	7.1%
Telephone Calls	30269		29,367	3.1%		35,004	-13.5%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	54		35	54.3%		68	-20.6%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,377		1,102	25.0%		1,203	14.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	420		369	13.8%		357	17.6%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	14		21	-33.3%		19	-26.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	107		131	-18.3%		129	-17.1%
Visitors at Counter	999		997	0.2%		1,053	-5.1%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	6,632		6,903	-3.9%		6,033	9.9%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	899		802	12.1%		784	14.7%
Warrants Entered	517		288	79.5%		465	11.2%
Warrants Cleared	576		198	190.9%		481	19.8%
Warrants Validated	1419		1165	21.8%		1,919	-26.1%
Extradition / Transports	19		11	72.7%		12	58.3%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	55		53	3.8%		59	-6.8%
New Items Submitted	204		100	104.0%		125	63.2%
Items Disposed	12		32	-62.5%		9	33.3%

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 85.5% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 12.7 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 1.8 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 17 Contracts using 467.25 hours, billed in the amount of \$31,076.96

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1008	12	84	30	7

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
637	444	59	109	93	16

Community service appearances:

- Las Vegas College, Elizondo E.S., Bonanza H.S., Clark H.S., Durango H.S., Kay Carl E.S.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Drive 2 Remember presentation. Police Memorial Project.
- NHTSA teen aged seat belt planning meeting
- Clark County fire works task force meeting
- Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run Luncheon
- Meeting of Las Vegas Traffic Advisory Task Force
- Traffic Safety Presentation for Boy Scouts
- P.A.C.E. yourself teen driving press event and awards presentation
- Traffic Incident Management (TIM) third meeting
- Hoover Dam Emergency preparedness exercise
- Shop with a Cop 2007 planning meeting
- Multiple Press Conferences for Teen Seatbelt Programs
- Training for Meth 360 Project
- Two day Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan Summit
- JF pedestrian enforcement project
- NHTSA PIO training workshop

PIO Projects:

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Use of Seatbelt Convincer.
4. DUI simulator.